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COMMODITIES) AND PROMPT SHIPMENT OF 80,000 TONS OF WHEAT AID/FFP PROMISES TO COMMIT FUNDS FOR SHIPMENT OF REMAINING 86,000 TONS AFTER FATE OF SEEMINGLY POPULAR SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL LEGISLATION, NOW BEFORE THE CONGRESS, FOR AFRICA EMERGING FOOD PROGRAM IS DECIDED, WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARD ENABLING THE WFP TO MEET AFGHAN REFUGEE NEEDS IN 1984 AND THAT MAJOR PROBLEMS CAN BE AVOIDED. OUR PLEDGE SHOULD ALSO HELP WFP TO CONTINUE TO PLAY A CENTRAL ROLE IN THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM AND PROVIDE IT WITH A MEANS TO STRENGTHEN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

3. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT CURRENT EMPHASIS, AS RECOMMENDED IN REFTELS, SHOULD BE ON REFUGEE NEEDS RATHER THAN NUMBERS. THE DEPARTMENT REMAINS KEENLY AWARE OF THE NEED TO TAKE THE POLITICAL DIMENSION OF THE AFGHAN REFUGEE PROGRAM FULLY INTO ACCOUNT

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ITS STRONG SUPPORT FOR REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM, AS EVIDENCED BY OUR GENEROUS 1984 PLEDGE TO THE WFP.

HAVING SAID THE ABOVE, HOWEVER, WE WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT IT IS OUR ULTIMATE AIM TO ACHIEVE, OVER TIME, A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ACTUAL NUMBERS OF REFUGEES AND OVERALL ASSISTANCE LEVELS AS WELL AS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE ANY POSSIBILITIES FOR ABUSE IN SUPPLYING RELIEF COMMODITIES. THUS WE SHOULD REMAIN SUPPORTIVE OF THE WFP'S AND THE UNHCR'S ATTEMPTS TO MOVE GOP TOWARD BETTER MANAGEMENT OF BOTH NUMBERS AND SUPPLIES. THE AFGHAN REFUGEE PROGRAM IS HIGHLY VISIBLE. ANY MAJOR IRREGULARITIES THAT MIGHT ARISE WOULD BE KNOWN IMMEDIATELY TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MAJOR DONORS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THIS COULD ULTIMATELY BRING ABOUT LOSS OF DONOR SUPPORT, A SITUATION ALL CONCERNED PARTIES ARE SEEKING TO AVOID.

5. REGARDING FURTHER U.S. ACTION TO URGE PLEDGES TO WFP PROGRAM FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN,

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SITUATION,
FOLLOWING ISLAMABAD MAJOR DONORS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20.
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NECESSARY. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ISLAMABAD'S AND ROME'S FURTHER ASSESSMENTS ON WHETHER WE SHOULD APPROACH EC AND TOKYO NOW ON THEIR '84 WFP PLEDGES. PLEASE ADVISE. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SHULTZ

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